



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

May 18, 2023

Electronic and In-Person Meeting

Council Chambers

17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: W. Emmerson, G. Chan, M. Chan, N. Davison, S. Del Duca, J. DiPaola, M. Ferri, V. Hackson, A. Ho, L. Jackson, J. Jones, J. Li, I. Lovatt, T. Mrakas, S. Pellegrini, M. Quirk, M. G. Racco, G. Rosati, F. Scarpitti, J. Taylor, T. Vegh, D. West

Staff: B. Macgregor, D. Basso, J. DeGagne, P. Freeman, E. Hankins, D. Kuzmyk, E. Mahoney, C. Raynor

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

B. Land Acknowledgement

Regional Chair Emmerson made the following remarks:

We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.

Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land.

We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community.

C. Disclosures of Interest

None

D. Minutes of Council

D.1 Council Meeting held on April 27, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded by Mayor Del Duca

Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on April 27, 2023.

Carried

E. Presentations

E.1 Yonge North Subway Extension Update

Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council receive the presentation from Phil Verster, President and CEO, Metrolinx, Stephen Collins, Program Sponsor - Subways, Metrolinx, and Rajesh Khetarpal, Vice President, Community Engagement, Metrolinx.

Carried

E.2 Mackenzie Health Update

Moved by Mayor Del Duca
Seconded by Mayor West

Council receive the presentation from Altaf Stationwala, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mackenzie Health.

Carried

F. Deputations

F.1 Deputations relating to Item H.1 (Committee of the Whole Item J.2.5) - Vacant Home Tax Status Update

F.1.1 Yvonne Kelly on behalf of Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Mayor Hackson

Council receive the deputation from Yvonne Kelly on behalf of Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region.

Carried

F.1.2 Sean Meagher on behalf of Ontario for All

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Mayor Hackson

Council receive the deputation from Sean Meagher on behalf of Ontario for All.

Carried

F.1.3 Sheena Cooper, Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region

Sheena Cooper was not in attendance.

G. Communications

G.1 York Region Engagement in Yonge North Subway Extension - Update

Moved by Mayor Del Duca
Seconded by Regional Councillor M. Chan

Council receive the correspondence from Andrew Hope, Chief Capital Officer, Rapid Transit, Metrolinx dated March 31, 2023.

Carried

G.2 City of Pickering Council Resolution - Opposition to a Pickering Airport and Utilization of Resources

Moved by Mayor Lovatt
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

Council receive the correspondence from Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering dated May 2, 2023.

Carried

G.3 Communications relating to Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Moved by Mayor Quirk
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council receive and endorse the following resolutions in support of Bill 5 - *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022*:

G.3.1 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Resolution dated May 5, 2023

G.3.2 Town of Georgina Resolution dated May 5, 2023

Carried

G.4 World Sickle Cell Day - June 19, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Regional Councillor Ho

Council receive the correspondence from Ika Washington, Manager, Communications and Marketing, Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario dated May 10, 2023 and proclaim June 19, 2023 as World Sickle Cell Day in York Region.

Carried

G.5 Response to Provincial Assessment Requirements for Municipal Infrastructure Projects

Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

That Council receive the memorandum from Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Public Works dated May 18, 2023.

Carried

H. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

H.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - May 4, 2023

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

That Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 4, 2023, except for Item J.2.5.

Carried

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Mayor Hackson

J.2.5 - Vacant Home Tax Status Update

That Council adopt the following recommendations, as amended, in the report dated April 19, 2023 from the Commissioner of Finance, the Commissioner of Community and Health Services and the Chief Planner:

1. Further consideration of a Vacant Home Tax for York Region be deferred to ensure alignment with the Province’s Vacant Home Tax Policy Framework and the use of more updated cost and benefit estimates based on the current economic and legislative environment.
2. Staff be directed to continue monitoring the program outcomes of other Ontario municipalities to identify best practices and potential opportunities to streamline administration and reduce costs through joint partnerships.
3. Staff report back in *the Fall of 2023 with an update* on the recommendations above.
4. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the local municipalities for information.

Carried

H.2 Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

Moved by Regional Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

That Council adopt the following recommendations in the report dated April 13, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Planner:

1. Council approve this report, Appendix A and Appendix B for submission to the Provincial Land Use Plans Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in response to Environmental Registry of Ontario posting #019-6813.
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Clerk’s of the local municipalities.

Motion to Refer

Moved by Mayor Lovatt
Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

1. Council refer the report dated April 13, 2023 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Planner to Committee of the Whole on June 15, 2023 to allow time to consider local municipal input.
2. The Regional Chair write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request additional time to respond to Environmental Registry of Ontario posting #019-6813.

Carried

H.3 Queen Street-Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transit Improvements between Kipling Avenue and East of Islington Avenue

Moved by Regional Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That Council adopt the following recommendations in the report dated May 5, 2023 from the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. The Region enter into an agreement with Metrolinx to undertake a technical feasibility study to investigate widening the constrained section of Highway 7, from Kipling Avenue to east of Islington Avenue for an estimated value not to exceed \$500,000 excluding HST, for the term of the agreement.
2. The Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Region.
3. This report be circulated to Metrolinx and the City of Vaughan.

Carried

I. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved by Regional Councillor Li
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

That Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

I.1 2023-31 - Delegation Bylaw

A bylaw to delegate certain powers and duties

I.2 2023-32 - Delegation during Recess of Regional Council

A bylaw to delegate certain powers and duties during a recess of Regional Council

I.3 2023-34 - Parking Bylaw

A bylaw to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional roads

Carried

J. Motions

None

K. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

L. Other Business

L.1 OPP Sgt. Eric Mueller

Regional Chair Emmerson noted that Ontario Provincial Police Sgt. Eric Mueller will be laid to rest today. The loss of a member of the police service is a loss to all, and over the past year the community has mourned the loss of far too many members of local and provincial police services.

On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Emmerson extended heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Sgt. Eric Mueller. He also extended best wishes to the two officers injured in this incident as they recover.

Members of Council and all those present stood in a moment of silence in honour of OPP Sgt. Eric Mueller.

L.2 May Observances

Regional Chair Emmerson noted special awareness days and observances throughout the month of May:

- May 15 - **International Day of Families** - celebrates families and increases awareness of the vital role families play in achieving the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.
- May 17 - **International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia** - draws attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.
- May 19 - **Personal Support Workers Day** - acknowledges the essential role of personal support workers in providing high-quality community and home-based care to vulnerable residents.

- May 20 - **World Bee Day** - raises awareness on the importance of pollinators and their contribution to sustainable development.
- May 21 - **International Day for Cultural Diversity, Dialogue and Development** - supports peace, stability and development and acknowledges diverse and inclusive communities.
- May 31 - **World No Tobacco Day** - raises awareness of the harmful and deadly effects of tobacco use.

L.3 National Public Works Week

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that May 20 to 27 marks National Public Works Week, and that York Region will acknowledge with both virtual and in-person events. Public Works staff play a critical role in the everyday lives of residents and communities. The work of these dedicated professionals can be seen through York Region's transportation network, water supply systems, Regional forests, and other essential facilities.

On behalf of Council and York Region residents, Regional Chair Emmerson extended appreciation and thanks to public works staff for their dedication and commitment to York Region communities.

L.4 Paramedic Services Week

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that May 21 to 28 is Paramedic Services Week. This week provides the opportunity to celebrate the important role of paramedics in supporting the health and well-being of York Region communities.

On behalf of Council and the residents of York Region, Regional Chair Emmerson extended thanks to York Region's dedicated and professional paramedic services staff that work tirelessly to support the health, safety and well-being of York Region communities.

L.5 Appointment to the Human Services Planning Board

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that Tyler Chalk, Vice President of Strategy, Analytics and Communications is the new representative for Southlake Regional Health Centre on the Human Services Planning Board.

L.6 Housing Affordability Task Force Meeting - September 7, 2023

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that a Housing Affordability Task Force meeting will be scheduled on September 7, 2023 at 1 p.m.

L.7 Special Meeting regarding the Seniors Plan - September 2023

Regional Chair Emmerson announced that a special meeting will be held regarding the Seniors Plan in September 2023.

M. Private Session

Motion to consider a deferred item sooner than originally decided

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council consider the Men’s Emergency and Transitional Housing at 14452 Yonge Street in the Town of Aurora report dated April 18, 2023 at today’s Council meeting rather than at the meeting scheduled for June 29, 2023.

Carried on a 2/3 majority

(See Item D.1 – Council Minutes Item L.1)

Moved by Regional Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

Council resolve into private session at 10:52 a.m. to consider the following items:

- M.1 Private Minutes - Council Meeting - April 27, 2023
- M.2 Men’s Emergency and Transitional Housing at 14452 Yonge Street in the Town of Aurora - Potential Litigation

Carried

Council resumed in public session at 11:53 a.m.

M.1 Private Minutes - Council Meeting - April 27, 2023

Moved by Regional Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vegh

Council confirm the private minutes of the Council meeting held on April 27, 2023.

Carried

M.2 Men’s Emergency and Transitional Housing at 14452 Yonge Street in the Town of Aurora - Potential Litigation

Moved by Mayor Lovatt
Seconded by Mayor Del Duca

Council does not support any action before the Ontario Land Tribunal regarding the Region’s Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application for the proposed men’s

emergency and transitional housing building at 14452 Yonge Street in the Town of Aurora.

Carried

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council direct the Commissioner of Community and Health Services, or delegate, to seek to reallocate Federal funding due to the planning timelines in the Town of Aurora.

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Mayor Mrakas

Council direct staff to seek Council direction prior to commenting and/or appearing before the Ontario Land Tribunal on any lower tier municipal Planning Act application.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

Council refer the motion to staff for a report back.

Defeated

The original motion moved by Regional Councillor Jackson and seconded by Mayor Mrakas was **Carried**.

N. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Hackson
Seconded by Regional Councillor Ho

Council enact Bylaw No. 2023-33 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on June 29, 2023.

Carried

O. Adjournment

Council adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Carried

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on June 29, 2023.

Regional Chair